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# Agricultural Areas

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## 2001 Annual Report

Bureau of Land and Water Resources  
December 31, 2001



George H. Ryan, Governor

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January 4, 2002

The Honorable George Ryan  
Governor of Illinois  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the Senate  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Stratton Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Ryan and Members of the General Assembly:

In accordance with the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/1 et seq.), the Illinois Department of Agriculture is charged with the preparation and dissemination of an annual report that describes the activities of county boards regarding the creation, alteration, termination, or dissolution of Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas (also known as ag areas) throughout Illinois. The report also summarizes the total number of ag areas adopted since passage of the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act, effective July 1, 1980.

County board members have the authority to establish agricultural areas for the purpose of protecting the local agricultural land base from needless conversion. Ag areas also afford protection to agricultural producers when faced with problems related to nuisance ordinances and unfair benefit assessments. Adoption of an ag area by a county board represents a long-term commitment to the protection of agriculture.

We respectfully submit the 2001 Agricultural Areas Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Hampton', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Joe Hampton  
Director

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Enclosure

cc: Warren Goetsch, IDA

## **AGRICULTURAL AREAS**

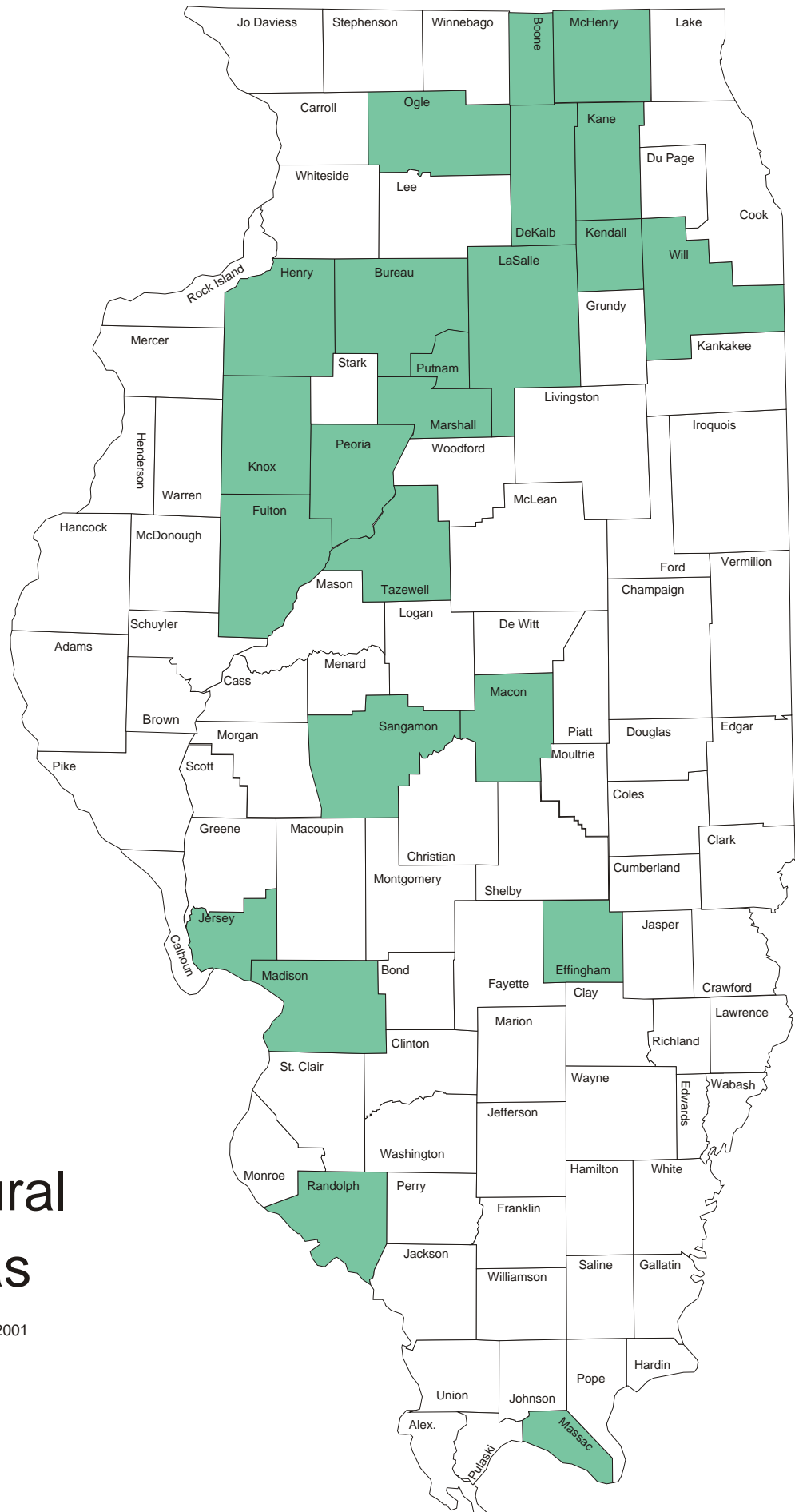
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Enclosed is the Illinois Department of Agriculture's 2001 Agricultural Areas Annual Report as required by the *Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/20.1)*. The Act states that the Illinois Department of Agriculture shall prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the location and size of all agricultural areas (also known as ag areas) created, modified, or dissolved during the past year.

The Agricultural Areas Summary lists the 23 counties with local county board approved ag areas. This chart itemizes the number of ag areas in participating counties, along with their respective acres, and summarizes the total number of acres in approved ag areas throughout the state.

The Annual Report describes the changes in ag area totals for the 2001 calendar year. The Report specifies the newly established ag area acreage totals and details the addition or removal of acres from existing county ag areas.

Following the Annual Report are maps delineating all changes in order of their chronological occurrence.



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**Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois**  
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<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Ag Areas</u>	<u>Acres in each Ag Area</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Boone	2	1111, 4743	5,854
Bureau	2	1962, 1969	3,931
DeKalb	1	710	710
Effingham	1	561	561
Fulton	1	1915	1,915
Henry	8	1982, 2480, 2635, 3097, 6751, 3129, 353, 2308	22,735
Jersey	2	10,201; 9678	19,879
Kane	1	600	600
Kendall	2	360, 400	760
Knox	1	1735	1,735
LaSalle	4	659, 1220, 587, 1866	4,332
Macon	1	1693	1,693
Madison	2	1400, 1277	2,677
Marshall	5	1014, 1238, 762, 1931, 467	5,412
Massac	2	500, 3199	3,699
McHenry	9	2518, 795, 2078, 892, 6782, 802, 4466, 2048, 415	20,796
Ogle	1	429	429
Peoria	3	393, 1567, 589	2,549
Putnam	3	1046, 4400, 1882	7,328
Randolph	1	6903	6,903
Sangamon	1	377	377
Tazewell	1	3620	3,620
Will	1	469	469
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<b>23 Counties</b>	<b>55 Ag Areas</b>		<b>118,964 Acres</b>
<b>353 Acres - Smallest Ag Area</b> <b>10,201 Acres - Largest Ag Area</b>			

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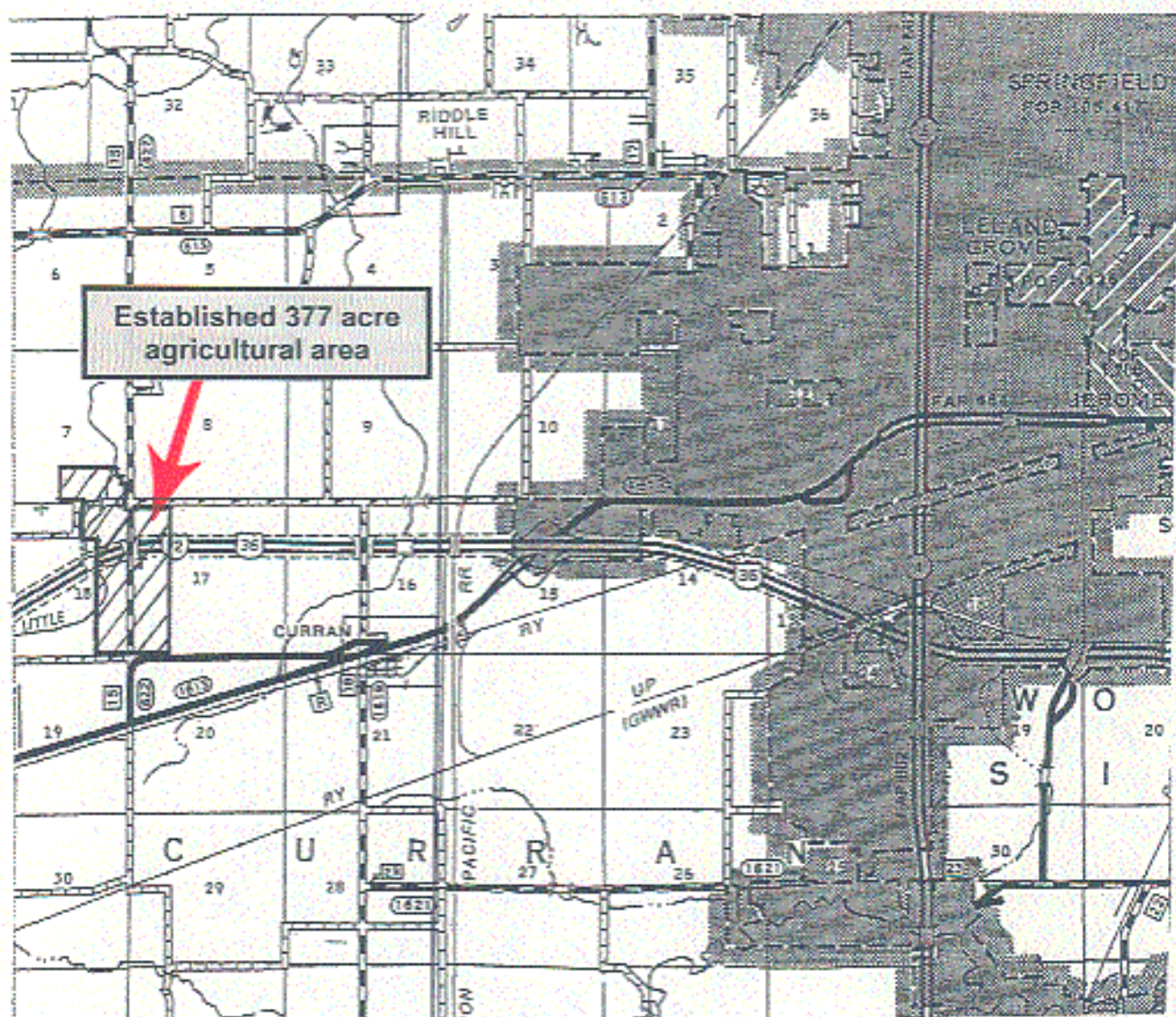
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<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sangamon	377	Established new agricultural area	8-14-01
Effingham	561	Established new agricultural area	8-20-01
McHenry	160	Removed 160 acres from existing agricultural area AG 88-09-008	9-04-01



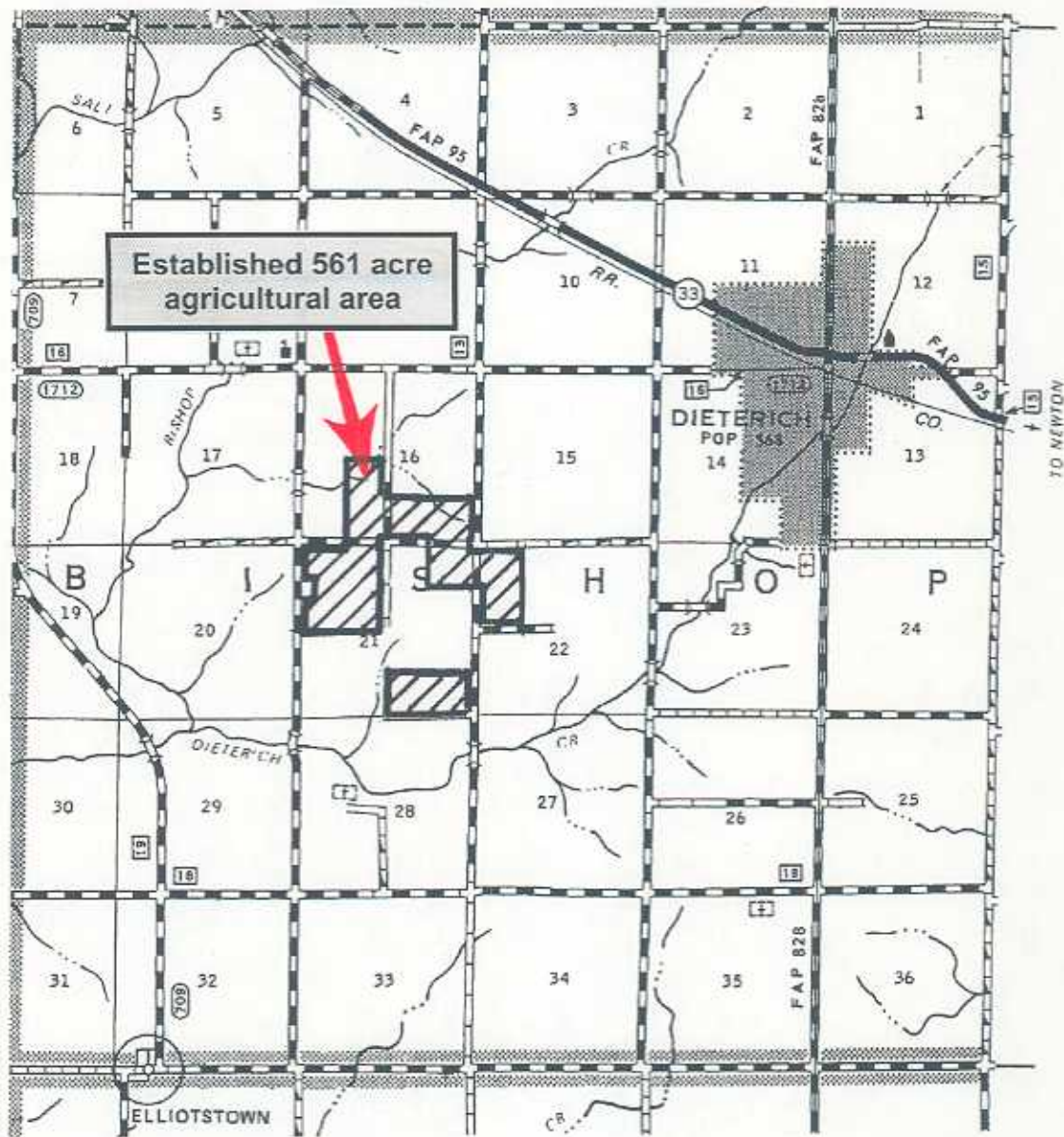
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# MC HENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS

